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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 227**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hall**  
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**and Solorio)**

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An act to amend Section 51871.5 of the Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 227, as amended, Hall. Education technology planning.

Existing law requires that, as a precondition to receiving a technology grant administered by the State Department of Education, a school district shall have a current 3- to 5-year education technology plan, unless this requirement is waived by the State Board of Education. Existing law also requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop guidelines and criteria for inclusion in the education technology plan, including a component to educate pupils and teachers on specified topics.

This bill would expand that list of topics to include the prevention of, and legal consequences for, cyberbullying, the active use of ~~parental~~ content control software, and the responsible use by pupils of mobile communication technology. The bill would exempt from compliance with this requirement a school district that, on July 1, ~~2011~~ 2012, has a 3- to 5-year education technology plan until that plan expires or is voluntarily replaced, at which time the school district would be subject to the requirement. The bill would make other conforming changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 51871.5 of the Education Code is  
2     amended to read:  
3     51871.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that education  
4     technology planning be accomplished in the most comprehensive  
5     manner possible. To that end, the current practice of developing  
6     education technology plans for each funding program was replaced  
7     with a comprehensive local planning process that enables school  
8     districts to apply for grants on an ongoing basis and assists them  
9     in utilizing available education technology programs.  
10    (b) As a precondition to receiving a technology grant  
11    administered by the department, a school district shall have a  
12    current three- to five-year education technology plan. The state  
13    board may waive this requirement if it determines that the applicant  
14    school district made a good faith effort to develop a plan, but for  
15    reasons beyond its control, the district cannot develop the plan  
16    before receipt of the technology grant.  
17    (c) (1) The Superintendent shall develop guidelines and criteria  
18    for inclusion in the education technology plan required pursuant  
19    to subdivision (b). The guidelines and criteria shall include, but  
20    are not limited to, a component to educate pupils and teachers on  
21    all of the following:  
22    (A) The appropriate and ethical use of information technology  
23    in the classroom.  
24    (B) Internet safety.  
25    (C) The manner in which to avoid committing plagiarism.  
26    (D) The concept, purpose, and significance of a copyright so  
27    that pupils are equipped with the skills necessary to distinguish  
28    lawful from unlawful online downloading.  
29    (E) The implications of illegal peer-to-peer network file sharing.  
30    (F) The prevention of cyberbullying and legal consequences for  
31    pupils engaging in cyberbullying.  
32    (G) The active use of ~~parental~~ content control software.  
33    (H) Responsible use by pupils of mobile communication  
34    technology.

1 (2) School districts are encouraged to partner with the California  
2 Technology Assistance Project, information technology companies,  
3 and nonprofit organizations to develop tools to supplement the  
4 existing Internet safety curriculum that address the educational  
5 component of the guidelines and criteria developed pursuant to  
6 this subdivision.

7 (3) A school district that, on July 1, ~~2011~~ 2012, has a current  
8 three- to five-year education technology plan that complies with  
9 subdivision (b) is not required to comply with this subdivision  
10 until after its plan expires or is voluntarily replaced.

11 (d) The Superintendent shall ensure that each school district has  
12 access to technical assistance and an approved online technology  
13 plan builder that the department determines is in compliance with  
14 state and federal requirements.

15 (e) The department shall maintain a record of school districts  
16 that have a three- to five-year education technology plan and shall  
17 make that information available to interested public agencies.